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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

- Sub B.1) 2. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of nerve growth factor and a pharmaceutically acceptable acetate-containing buffer.
3. (New) The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition has a pH from pH 5 to 6.
4. (New) The composition of claim 2, wherein the buffer is sodium acetate.
5. (New) The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition has an acetate concentration of 0.1 to 200 mM.
6. (New) The composition of claim 2, wherein the NGF concentration is 0.07 to 20 mg/ml.